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ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT METHOD,
STORAGE MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER
DATA SIGNAL

Examiner: D. Lastra

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Appeal filed August 7, 2007, Applicant now files a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims for allowance in light of the following:

A Listing of the Pending Claims is provided in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.